

# **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR STRIKE TEAMS**

1. No alcohol or drugs will be transported or consumed.
2. Radio ethics will be utilized. Radio traffic between units will be kept to a minimum.
3. Don't make it a vacation.
4. Know who you are working for.
5. Limit the procurement of equipment to what is needed.
6. Do not steal. All equipment must be returned before you are demobilized.
7. Crews will maintain a state of readiness even when not assigned.
8. Recreation will be limited to unassigned hours.
9. Maintain and wear all safety clothing.
10. Wear the proper clothing while at the incident base.
11. Your actions are a reflection on your organization.

# ENGINE STRIKE TEAM/TASK FORCE

## DO'S AND DON'TS

### **DO NOT:**

- **DO NOT** take lawn chairs, hammocks, large TV/radios (blasters). YOU ARE GOING ON AN EMERGENCY, NOT A VACATION. No pets or animals.
- **DO NOT** attach any non-fire related equipment on engines such as mattresses, chairs, etc. If it doesn't fit in the compartments, do not take it.
- **DO NOT** take it upon yourself to get major repairs done on engines, without authorization. You may be paying the bill yourself. This includes tires and batteries.

### **DO:**

- **DO** provide minimum staffing of **TWO** firefighters to ride in cab. NO PERSONNEL SHALL RIDE ON TAILBOARD. Personnel are to have full turnouts for structure and brush gear for wildland fire.
- **DO** take a change of clothing, toothbrush, soap, towel, sleeping bag, and air mattress. Rations should be carried on the engine for emergencies. Take cash, credit cards and get receipts for all purchases. DO take ice chest for crew, to be stored in compartment. A *small* portable radio/TV is permissible. Take some reading material, camera, etc.
- **DO** notify your dispatch when you are enroute and when you arrive back to your home station.
- **DO** treat all firefighters, officers and the public with respect. You might not always agree with the way things are being done. Keep your eyes open and *learn*.
- **DO** contact your fire department by phone once every 24 hours. Person in charge of the engine should report the following information to headquarters:
  1. Condition of personnel
  2. Conditions of equipment
  3. Location—who or where you are assigned
  4. Length of stay or assignment, if known
  5. Relay messages to be passed on to families or staff.
- **DO** call Texas Interagency Coordination Center at 409/875-4786 or by radio if a mechanical problem occurs on the way to an assignment. They will advise you how to handle the problem.